

# CONSTITUTION

OF THE

# STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

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## PREAMBLE.

WE, the people of the State of North Carolina, grateful Preamble.  
to Almighty God, the Sovereign Ruler of nations, for the  
preservation of the American Union, and the existence  
of our civil, political and religious liberties, and acknowl-  
edging our dependence upon Him for the continuance of  
those blessings to us and our posterity, do, for the more  
certain security thereof, and for the better government of  
this State, ordain and establish this constitution :

## ARTICLE I.

### DECLARATION OF RIGHTS.

That the great, general and essential principles of lib-  
erty and free government may be recognized and estab-  
lished, and that the relations of this State to the Union  
and government of the United States, and those of the  
people of this State to the rest of the American people  
may be defined and affirmed, we do declare :

SECTION 1. That we hold it to be self-evident that all  
men are created equal ; that they are endowed by their  
Creator with certain unalienable rights ; that among

The equality and  
rights of men.